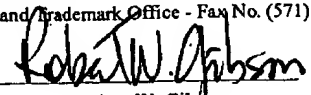


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RESPONSE

To the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 2, 2006:

Kindly amend the application as follows.

No new matter has been added by the amendments.